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1. Former German Ambassador Nadolny has agreed to act as an expert advisor in the "Standing Committee for the Preparation of the Peace Treaty" which is to be established by the People's Council. On 10 April 1948 Nadolny had a discussion to this effect with Wilhelm Pieck but stipulated that there should not be too much publicity given to this.
  2. During the discussion, Pieck told Nadolny that the Russians did not want mentioned the question of the Oder - Neisse Line as they feared that the Poles would be ready to wage war on the question. (This was presumably no more than an excuse conceived by Pieck.)
  3. In Nadolny's view the SED is hoping to have the entire question of the People's Council and the "People's Petition" resolved by August 1948, and that by then the "People's Petition" will have formally demanded German unity. The constitution will have been made, and the so-called "all German" government established, which will then be recognized by the Russians. The west German Government would then be attacked as a separatist movement.

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